Sri M. RAJAH IYER : Was there a proposal to construct a road-cum-rail bridge across Pamban under the consideration of State Government and the Central Government?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : The information is not readily available with me. If the hon. Member puts a separate question I will be able to answer it.

Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Do the Government feel that the present Pamban bridge is safe enough for use for some more time?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : Sir, experts have looked into the question and whenever repair works are necessary they are being carried out. As far as my information goes I do not think there is any danger now to the bridge.

Disposal of dead bodies

a * 16 *Q.*—Sri M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR (on behalf of Sri K. S. ABDUL WAHAB) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure adopted for the disposal of dead bodies of destitute Muslims in Government hospitals in the City;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Stanley hospital medical authorities refused to hand over the dead body of a destitute Musilm to his relatives on 28th August 1962; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) to (*c*) A statement * is placed on the table of the House.

Party flags

10-40 a.m. a * 41 *Q.*—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that political parties in the State have their own flags; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to ban the use of party flags in public places?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

திரு. எம். சுப்பையா செட்டியார் : இந்தமாதிரி பார்ட்டி கொடி இதர தேசங்களில் இருக்கிறதா? நம் நாட்டுக்கு மட்டும்தான் இருக்கிறதா?

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a Postponed questions from the list of questions for 20th January 1964.

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